

The American Association of University Professors champions the university as the mainstay of a free society and recognizes academic freedom as vital to the nourishment of this ideal. Therefore members of the Augusta State Chapter of AAUP are particularly alarmed and offended by the lawsuit filed against the Counselor Education program in the name of "religious freedom." Such intolerance undermines, rather than supports, the freedoms vouchsafed in America as sustained in and by the academy. We stand therefore steadfast in solidarity with our colleagues and our university in rejecting this attack on academic freedom, the very foundation of our institution.